

Dear General Gehlen:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter which Mr. Critchfield delivered. I took the opportunity of his visit, which fortunately coincided with that of General Truscott, to discuss with them questions of mutual interest.

I am hopeful that the trend which you mentioned in your letter can be continued and directed toward the establishment of a mutually beneficial relationship.

It is my sincere conviction that satisfactory liaison arrangements are vital to insure the uninterrupted conduct of matters of common interest and of vital importance to our respective governments. With this in mind, and believing that our cooperation in intelligence matters can, to our mutual advantage, be extended, I have instructed Mr. Critchfield to explore with you our related interests in a number of activities in areas outside of the framework of our present cooperation in the production of intelligence. In this connection, Mr. Critchfield discussed with me your views on certain activities and I have instructed him to pass on to you my thoughts on these matters.

Sometime during the next few months I hope to have the opportunity again to be in Europe and to discuss personally with you a number of matters of joint interest.

Sincerely yours,

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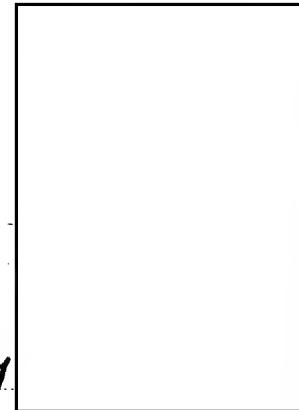
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